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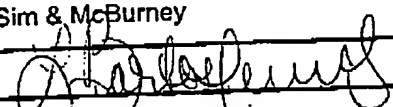
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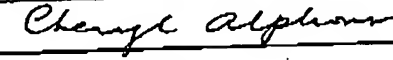
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This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 25, 2006. Please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In response to the Election Requirement mailed September 25, 2006, Applicant provisionally elects for prosecution, with traverse, from GROUP A, the Troponin I species and from GROUP B, the location of the notch on the bottom surface of the top layer species. The claims encompassing the elected species are claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 (part), 20, 21, 24, 25, 26 (part), 33, 34, and 35. Reconsideration of the Election Requirement, in view of the remarks presented herein, is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are generic. Applicant asserts that the analytes in group A are merely examples of analytes that may be used with the instant invention. Similarly, Applicant asserts that the location of the notch on group B does not lead to structurally different layers and flow channels and is meant to provide for alternative entry means for a sample.